Business momentum intact, Retain Buy

Quarterly volatility apart, business momentum intact, Buy

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2Q misses ests marginally on India business lumpiness/mix

TCS reported all-round rev growth of 4.7% qoq in USD terms, in line with peer Infy and lower than our 6% estimate due to a decline in India related billing. India business has a lower annuity component and tends to be lumpy quarter to quarter. Constant currency pricing declined nearly 1% qoq due to quarterly fluctuations in revenue mix including lower proportion of fixed price contracts. Company stated pricing itself was broadly stable. Margins expanded nearly 100bps on Rupee, offset by dip in realization & cost of promotions. Other income declined on forex hedging loss & lower treasury income post dividend payout.

Management confidence stands out on rev & margins

Company hired 20,349 employees, its highest ever and maintained its target of 60,000 hires. Further it has already made 35,000 campus offers vs 37,500 made before the start of FY12. The CEO stated that demand continues to be robust driven by analytics, need to innovate products/business models, globalize, optimize by also leveraging trends like cloud/social media/analytics. They closed 10 large deals and have at least another 10 in the pipeline. TCS also remains confident on managing margins by pushing productivity.

Estimates (Mar)

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(Rs)	2010A	2011A	2012E	2013E	2014E
Net Income (Adjusted - mn)	68,728	87,164	105,862	123,548	146,179
EPS	35.12	44.53	54.09	63.12	74.69
EPS Change (YoY)	32.9%	26.8%	21.5%	16.7%	18.3%
Dividend / Share	20.00	14.00	16.23	18.94	22.41
Free Cash Flow / Share	33.05	26.64	36.15	44.53	51.32
Valuation (Mar)					
	2010A	2011A	2012E	2013E	2014E
P/E	31.90x	25.15x	20.71x	17.75x	15.00x
Dividend Yield	1.79%	1.25%	1.45%	1.69%	2.00%
EV / EBITDA*	24.30x	18.83x	14.60x	12.72x	10.92x
Free Cash Flow Yield*	2.95%	2.38%	3.23%	3.98%	4.58%
* For full definitions of <i>iOmethod</i> SM measures, see page 12.					

Price Objective Change

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Stock Data

Price	Rs1,120
Price Objective	Rs1,260
Date Established	18-Oct-2011
Investment Opinion	C-1-7
Volatility Risk	HIGH
52-Week Range	Rs902.00-Rs1,247
Mrkt Val / Shares Out (mn)	US\$44,788 / 1,957.2
Market Value (mn)	Rs2,192,577
Average Daily Volume	2,364,972
BofAML Ticker / Exchange	TACSF / BSE
Bloomberg / Reuters	TCS IN / TCS.BO
ROE (2012E)	36.6%
Net Dbt to Eqty (Mar-2011A)	-28.3%
Est. 5-Yr EPS / DPS Growth	20.0% / 10.0%
Free Float	13.3%

Key Changes		
(Rs)	Previous	Current
Price Obj.	1,190.00	1,260.00
2012E EPS	50.19	54.09
2013E EPS	59.31	63.12
2014E EPS	72.52	74.69
2012E EBITDA (m)	131,210.4	144,423.1
2013E EBITDA (m)	152,928.4	165,760.8
2014E EBITDA (m)	185,360.6	193,155.6

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Key Income Statement Data (Mar)	2010A	2011A	2012E	2013E	2014E
(Rs Millions)					
Sales	300,289	373,245	483,084	564,040	673,859
Gross Profit	143,047	173,872	227,514	263,549	311,558
Sell General & Admin Expense	(55,396)	(61,888)	(83,091)	(97,789)	(115,033)
Operating Profit	79,591	104,770	135,084	153,656	177,736
Net Interest & Other Income	2,255	5,324	5,394	10,069	13,231
Associates	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pretax Income	81,846	110,094	140,478	163,725	190,967
Tax (expense) / Benefit	(12,088)	(21,739)	(33,649)	(39,294)	(43,922)
Net Income (Adjusted)	68,728	87,164	105,862	123,548	146,179
Average Fully Diluted Shares Outstanding	1,957	1,957	1,957	1,957	1,957
Key Cash Flow Statement Data					
Net Income	68,728	87,164	105,862	123,548	146,179
Depreciation & Amortization	7,209	7,214	9,340	12,105	15,419
Change in Working Capital	4,431	(15,459)	(12,894)	(11,734)	(15,918)
Deferred Taxation Charge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Other Adjustments, Net	(5,449)	(9,771)	(10,383)	(9,763)	(13,244)
Cash Flow from Operations	74,918	69,148	91,924	114,155	132,436
Capital Expenditure	(10,225)	(17,015)	(21,176)	(27,000)	(32,000)
(Acquisition) / Disposal of Investments	0	0	0	0	0
Other Cash Inflow / (Outflow)	(45,041)	(1,648)	(2,000)	0	0
Cash Flow from Investing	(55,266)	(18,663)	(23,176)	(27,000)	(32,000)
Shares Issue / (Repurchase)	0	0	0	0	0
Cost of Dividends Paid	(19,594)	(45,832)	(36,205)	(42,253)	(49,993)
Cash Flow from Financing	(23,500)	(46,142)	(35,239)	(41,371)	(49,128)
Free Cash Flow	64,694	52,133	70,748	87,155	100,436
Net Debt	(82,178)	(72,880)	(101,907)	(147,692)	(199,000)
Change in Net Debt	(113)	(4,653)	(33,509)	(45,785)	(51,308)
Key Balance Sheet Data					
Property, Plant & Equipment	41,706	51,996	63,398	78,293	94,874
Other Non-Current Assets	58,535	92,641	106,690	118,833	135,306
Trade Receivables	58,098	82,007	106,278	124,089	148,249
Cash & Equivalents	84,596	73,264	108,773	154,558	205,866
Other Current Assets	33,277	27,974	36,206	42,274	50,504
Total Assets	276,213	327,882	421,346	518,047	634,799
Long-Term Debt	111	56	56	56	56
Other Non-Current Liabilities	5,413	10,973	14,202	16,582	19,811
Short-Term Debt	2,307	328	6,810	6,810	6,810
Other Current Liabilities Total Liabilities	54,210	59,335	72,463	84,606	101,079
	62,040	70,692	93,531	108,054	127,756
Total Equity Total Equity & Liabilities	214,172 276,213	257,191 327,883	327,815	409,992 518,046	507,043 634,799
	270,213	327,003	421,345	510,040	034,799
<i>iQmethod</i> [™] - Bus Performance*					
Return On Capital Employed	35.0%	36.0%	34.8%	31.9%	30.5%
Return On Equity	37.6%	37.6%	36.6%	33.9%	32.3%
Operating Margin	26.5%	28.1%	28.0%	27.2%	26.4%
EBITDA Margin	28.9%	30.0%	29.9%	29.4%	28.7%
<i>iQmethod</i> sm - Quality of Earnings*					
Cash Realization Ratio	1.1x	0.8x	0.9x	0.9x	0.9x
Asset Replacement Ratio		0.4.	2.3x	2.2x	2.1x
Asset Replacement Ratio	1.4x	2.4x	2.38	2.27	2.17
Tax Rate (Reported)	1.4x 14.8%	2.4x 19.7%	2.3x	24.0%	23.0%
Tax Rate (Reported)	14.8%	19.7%	24.0%	24.0%	23.0%

* For full definitions of *iQmethod*SM measures, see page 12.

Company Description

Set up in 1968, TCS pioneered IT services exports & is India's largest exporter (FY11 rev: US\$8.2bn, 198,000 people). Strengths: Scale, end-to-end services, depth of vertically focused IP, project mgmt depth, fixed-bid pricing capability & ability to deliver large/complex projects. Besides US & Europe it focuses on emerging markets like India and Latin America & has the widest global low-cost delivery centers (eg, China).

Investment Thesis

TCS is a key beneficiary of increased global sourcing. It stands out for all round growth across verticals, geographies and service lines. It is also increasingly winner larger and more transformational deals. Finally, it leads the industry in its industry low attrition and ability to operate at high utilization levels. We expect pricing, productivity and revenue mix focus to largely offset wage pressures. We expect robust earnings growth driven return in the stock.

Stock Data

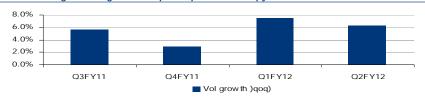
Price to Book Value

Business momentum intact, Buy

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More importantly, international business reported a stellar 7.3% qoq volume growth. Employee hiring induces confidence and management commentary stood out for its unequivocal bullishness on current demand outlook.

Chart 1: Strong volume growth despite impact from lumpy India business



Source: BofA Merrill Lynch Global Research

Co has already made 35,000 campus offers vs. 37,500 made before the start of FY12

Company closed 10 large deals (US\$100m+) and has at least another 10 in the pipeline. TCS also remains confident on managing margins by pushing productivity. Its gross employee hiring target stands unchanged at 60k employees.

	Table 1:	Deal	closures	continue	to	be	strong	
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	Q111	Q211	Q311	Q411	Q112	Q212
Deals closed in quarter	10	10	9	7	10	10
Source: BofA Merrill Lynch Global Research						

We raise our FY12-14E EPS 3 to 8% to bake in beat in international business & INR, raise PO to Rs1,250 (vs Rs1,190), retaining Buy. TCS remains one of our top picks on all round strength. After 10%+ YTP stock outperformance, implied upside is 12-15%.



Chart 2: 1x fwd P/E band - fair

Chart 3: EV / EBITDA to 2yr EBITDA growth - fair





Q2 P&L Highlights

- Impressive volume growth of 6.25%qoq helped post a 7.7% qoq growth in revenues. This was 1% below our estimate on account of lumpy India business and mix-led lower realization
- EBIT margin at 27.1% showed a sequential expansion of 94bps, helped mainly by currency. Net profit was in-line with our estimate on account of lower than estimated forex loss.
- DSO days (including unbilled revenues) stayed flattish at 82 days vs 83 days in the previous quarter.
- Interim dividend payout of Rs3 declared for the quarter.

Table 2: Q2 P&L Summary

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INR Million	Q212	Q112	QoQ	Q211	YoY	BofAML e	Var C	Comments
							R	Rev growth of 7.7%qoq was driven by volume growth (6.25%)
							fa	avorable forex (2.5%) and partially impacted by realization
Revenues	116,335	107970	7.7%	92864	25.3%	117,559	-1.0% (0	0.95%) and offshore shift (0.05%).
Less:								
Cost of services rendered (excld dep)	59,276	55712	6.4%	46,811	26.6%	59,605	-0.6%	
Cost of equipment & software licenses	2,865	3079	-6.9%	3,145	-8.9%	3,174	-9.7%	
Total cost of revenues	62,141	58791	5.7%	49956	24.4%	62,779	-1.0%	
Gross Profit	54,194	49179	10.2%	42,908	26.3%	54,780	-1.1%	
Selling, general and administrative (excl.								
depn)	20,365	18869	7.9%	15133	34.6%	20,100	1.3%	
Total operating expenses	20,365	18869	7.9%	15,133	34.6%	20,100	1.3%	
EBITDA	33,828	30310	11.6%	27,775	21.8%	34,680	-2.5%	
Less: Depreciation	2,286	2049	11.6%	1660	37.7%	2,239	2.1%	
···· ···	,						E	BIT margin expansion of 94bps was on account of favorable
								prex movement (166bps), SGA productivity (10bps), offshore
								hift (4bps) and partially offset by rate productivity (73bps) and
EBIT	31,542	28261	11.6%	26,115	20.8%	32,441		ad debt (13bps).
Other income (expense), net	997	2887	-65.5%	443			-515.2%	
Income before income taxes, PBT	32,540	31147	4.5%	26,558	22.5%	32,201	1.1%	
Income tax expense (benefit)	7,913	7063	12.0%	5001	58.2%	7,406	6.8%	
Income after taxes before minority	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	,,,,,	121070		001270	7,100	01070	
interests	24,627	24084	2.3%	21,557	14.2%	24,795	-0.7%	
Minority interests	-237	-281	-15.6%	-295		-309	-23.3%	
Equity in net earnings of affiliates	0	0	n/a	2,5	n/a	0	23.370 n/a	
Net income before extraord gains	24,390	23803	2.5%	21,262		24,486	-0.4%	
not moome before extraora gallis	27,070	20000	2.070	21,202	14.770	27,700		let profit was essentially in-line with our estimate on account o
Recurring Net Profit	24,390	23803	2.5%	21,262	14.7%	24,486		ower-than-expect forex loss
•	24,370	2000	2.370	21,202	14.770	27,700	0.470 10	
Source: BofA Merrill Lynch Global Research								

-1	11 101		2211	QoQ (bps)	Q112	0212	Margins
	46.6%	38	46.2%	104	45.5%	46.6%	Gross Profit
-42	29.5%	-83	29.9%	101	28.1%	29.1%	EBITDA
-48	27.6%	-101	28.1%	94	26.2%	27.1%	EBIT
14	20.8%	-193	22.9%	-108	22.0%	21.0%	Net Profit
					22.0%	21.0%	EBII Net Profit Source: BofA Merrill



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Largest vertical - BFSI continued to grow a strong 5%+ qoq while retail led growth in the qtr (9%qoq). Telecom revs declined 4%qoq but co highlighted closing 3 large deals in this vertical.

Discretionary services of enterprise

solutions / consulting grew ahead of company while app dev and maintenance

saw a muted quarter

Q2 Other Highlights

Table 4: 2QFY12 Vertical Mix

	% of Revs	QoQ				
	Q2FY12	Q3FY11	Q4FY11	Q1FY12	Q2FY12	
BFSI	43.5%	8.4%	3.3%	5.7%	5.2%	
Manufacturing	7.8%	4.1%	9.1%	8.9%	7.5%	
Telecom	10.7%	-0.5%	-3.2%	14.3%	-4.2%	
Life Sciences & Healthcare	5.3%	9.1%	6.7%	5.4%	6.7%	
Retail & Distribution	12.1%	7.0%	7.6%	11.3%	9.2%	
Transportation	3.8%	13.7%	20.1%	1.9%	7.5%	
Hi-tech	5.9%	16.3%	13.1%	15.4%	6.5%	
Media and Entertainment	2.1%	23.0%	4.7%	2.8%	-0.1%	
Others	4.5%	-4.3%	-1.5%	14.2%	-7.6%	
Source: BofA Merrill Lynch Global Research						

Table 5: 2QFY12 Services Mix

	% of Revs	QoQ				
	Q2FY12	Q3FY11	Q4FY11	Q1FY12	Q2FY12	
Application Development and Maintenance	44.7%	2.9%	7.3%	7.7%	1.3%	
Business Intelligence	4.7%	1.2%	-3.2%	7.4%	0.4%	
Engineering & Industrial Services	4.8%	4.8%	4.7%	3.0%	9.3%	
Infrastructure Services	9.6%	19.5%	-9.3%	12.2%	5.8%	
Enterprise Solutions	11.1%	-0.3%	17.8%	7.4%	7.6%	
Global Consulting	2.6%	17.2%	-4.4%	12.6%	23.7%	
Assurance Services	7.6%	15.1%	3.2%	12.0%	9.0%	
Business Process Outsourcing	10.9%	11.9%	6.5%	1.0%	4.7%	
Source: BofA Merrill Lynch Global Research						

Impressive growth seen in Europe despite troubled economic climate in the region. Decline in revs from India was on account of lumpy nature of revs

	% of Revs		QoQ		
	Q2FY12	Q3FY11	Q4FY11	Q1FY12	Q2FY12
Americas	56.4%	5.1%	4.7%	6.3%	5.5%
Europe	25.6%	10.9%	5.1%	6.6%	6.4%
India	8.3%	-0.6%	0.1%	13.5%	-6.5%
Others	9.7%	17.5%	8.2%	10.9%	6.9%

Growth was led by clients outside the top 5 bucket

Table 7: Revenue by client bucket

(Q/Q - LTM basis)	Q111	Q211	Q311	Q411	Q112	Q212
Top client	3.7%	5.1%	2.9%	3.2%	3.1%	3.4%
Top 2-5 clients	7.3%	8.0%	7.7%	5.9%	4.3%	2.5%
Top 6-10 clients	6.3%	0.2%	9.6%	7.4%	7.4%	7.7%
Non Top 10 clients	4.6%	7.1%	7.0%	8.1%	8.5%	7.3%
Source: BofA Merrill Lynch Global Research						



60,000 hires for FY12

Company hired 20,349 employees, its highest ever and maintained its target of

Decline in realization was on account of change in revenue mix by service line.

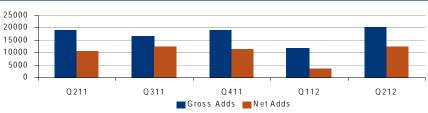
Billing rates expected to stay flattish

Co continues to function at high utilization rates. It expects to maintain

utilization ex trainees between 82-84%

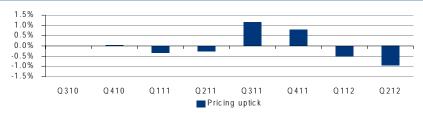
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Chart 4: Employee additions on track



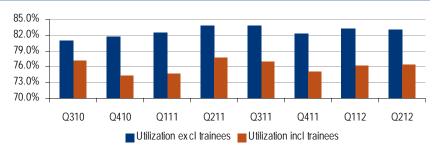
Source: BofA Merrill Lynch Global Research

Chart 5: Realization declined marginally on account of service mix



Source: BofA Merrill Lynch Global Research

Chart 6: Utilization rates hold high



Source: BofA Merrill Lynch Global Research

Best placed vs. large peers in terms of employee attrition rates

Chart 7: Employee attrition rates declined in the quarter



Valuation

Table 8: SUMMARY VALUATION - INDIA IT

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	Tata Consultancy	Wipro	Infosys Tech	HCL
BofAML Code	TACSF	WIPRF	INFYF	XHCLF
Bloomberg Code	TCS IN	WPRO IN	INFO IN	HCLT IN
BofAML Rating	C-1-7	C-2-7	C-1-7	C-1-8
Currency	INR	INR	INR	INR
Year End	Mar	Mar	Mar	Jun
Nprice	1,120	357	2,747	440
Revenue growth YoY %				
FY10	8%	6%	5%	19%
FY11	24%	14%	21%	28%
FY12E	29%	12%	22%	19%
FY13E	17%	12%	15%	19%
FY14E	19%	19%	19%	22%
EBITDA growth (YoY %)	21.7%	8.0%	15.7%	19.7%
FY10	20.9%	18.1%	9.2%	11.4%
FY11	29.0%	11.0%	14.1%	7.1%
FY12E	29.0%	4.4%	18.8%	17.1%
FY13E	14.8%	11.7%	12.7%	22.3%
FY14E	16.5%	17.1%	15.2%	23.6%
EPS Rs				
FY10	35.1	18.9	110.3	17.7
FY11	44.5	21.5	119.4	22.9
FY12E	54.1	22.3	142.2	27.4
FY13E	63.1	25.4	162.9	35.7
FY14E	74.7	30.1	186.7	45.7
EPS growth (YoY%)				
FY10	32.9%	18.5%	6.4%	-0.8%
FY11	26.8%	14.1%	8.3%	29.0%
FY12E	21.5%	3.3%	19.1%	19.8%
FY13E	16.7%	14.0%	14.6%	30.2%
FY14E	18.3%	18.4%	14.6%	28.0%
PE (FY11 EPS)(x)	25.2	16.6	23.0	19.2
PE (FY12e EPS)(x)	20.7	16.0	19.3	19.2
PE (FY13e EPS)(x)	17.7	14.1	16.9	12.3
PE (FY14e EPS)(x)	15.0	14.1	14.7	9.6
	10.0	10.4	15 7	11.0
EV/EBITDA (FY11)x	18.9	12.4	15.7	11.0
EV/EBITDA (FY12E)x	14.7	11.9	13.2	9.4
EV/EBITDA (FY13E)x EV/EBITDA (FY14E)x	12.8 11.0	10.7 9.1	11.8 10.2	7.7 6.2
EBIT % FY10	26.5%	18.9%	30.4%	15.7%
EBIT % FY11	28.1%	18.6%	29.5%	13.4%
EBIT % FY12E	28.0%	17.1%	28.6%	13.2%
EBIT % FY13E	27.2%	17.0%	27.7%	13.8%
EBIT % FY14E	26.4%	16.9%	26.9%	14.3%
ROE (FY10) (x)	38	27	29	19
ROE (FY11) (x)	38	24	27	21
ROE (FY12e) (x)	37	21	27	21
ROE (FY13e) (x)	34	20	25	23
ROE (FY14e) (x)	32	20	24	24

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Financial Tables

Table 9: TCS P&L						
Rs Mil	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12E	FY13E	FY14E
Total revenues	278,129	300,289	373,245	483,084	564,040	673,859
Total cost of revenues	150,775	157,242	199,373	255,570	300,491	362,301
Gross Profit	127,354	143,047	173,872	227,514	263,549	311,558
GPM%	45.8%	47.6%	46.6%	47.1%	46.7%	46.2%
Operating Expenses						
Selling, general and administrative (excl. depn)	55,144	55,396	61,888	83,091	97,789	115,033
Research and development	431	851	-	-	-	3,369
Total operating expenses	55,575	56,247	61,888	83,091	97,789	118,402
EBITDA	71,779	86,800	111,984	144,423	165,761	193,156
EBITDA %	25.8%	28.9%	30.0%	29.9%	29.4%	28.7%
Less: Depreciation	5,764	7,209	7,214	9,340	12,105	15,419
Operating Income, EBIT	66,015	79,591	104,770	135,084	153,656	177,736
EBIT %	23.7%	26.5%	28.1%	28.0%	27.2%	26.4%
Other Income (expense)						
Interest and dividends, net	1,899	1,668	4,391	5,521	9,503	12,555
Foreign exchange gain (loss), net	(7,614)	(1,807)	(467)	(613)	-	-
Other, net	1,042	2,394	1,400	486	566	676
Other income (expense), net	(4,673)	2,255	5,324	5,394	10,069	13,231
Income before income taxes, PBT	61,342	81,846	110,094	140,478	163,725	190,967
Income tax expense (benefit)	9,012	12,088	21,739	33,649	39,294	43,922
Income after taxes before minority interests	52,331	69,757	88,355	106,828	124,431	147,044
Minority interests	(604)	(1,019)	(1,191)	(966)	(883)	(865)
Equity in net earnings of affiliates	(7)	(10)	-	-	-	-
Net income	51,720	68,728	87,164	105,862	123,548	146,179
Recurring Net Profit	51,720	68,728	87,164	105,862	123,548	146,179
NPM%	18.6%	22.9%	23.4%	21.9%	21.9%	21.7%
Source: BofA Merrill Lynch Global Research						

Table 10: Key Ratios **Key Ratios** FY09 FY10 FY11 FY12E FY13E FY14E EBITDA Margin 25.8% 28.9% 30.0% 29.9% 29.4% 28.7% EBIT Margin 23.7% 26.5% 28.1% 28.0% 27.2% 26.4% PBT Margin 22.1% 27.3% 29.5% 29.1% 29.0% 28.3% Net Margin (recurring) 21.7% 18.6% 22.9% 23.4% 21.9% 21.9% EPS (Rs.) 26.4 35.12 44.53 54.09 63.12 74.69 CEPS (Rs.) 29.4 38.8 48.2 58.9 69.3 82.6 Book Value per Share 80.0 107.0 129.8 165.4 206.9 256.1 ROCE 39% 41% 44% 40% 37% 43% RONW 37% 38% 38% 37% 34% 32% Revenue growth 22% 8% 24% 29% 17% 19% EBIT growth 23% 21% 32% 29% 14% 16% Net Profit growth (recurring) 4% 33% 27% 21% 17% 18% 99 93 DSO (Debtor and Unbilled) 84 92 92 93

Table 11: TCS Balance Sheet

Rs Mil	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12E	FY13E	FY14E
Current Assets						
Cash and Cash equivalents	14,625	10,249	15,539	88,383	134,168	185,476
Accounts Receivable	61,532	58,098	82,007	106,278	124,089	148,249
Unbilled Revenues	14,814	12,011	13,489	17,459	20,384	24,353
Other Current Assets	20,304	21,089	14,485	18,748	21,889	26,151
Total	123,003	138,149	164,855	230,868	300,530	384,230
Investments	17,232	37,822	18,390	20,390	20,390	20,390
Equity in Affiliates	39	17	-	-	-	-
Property & Equipment net	37,490	41,706	51,996	63,398	78,293	94,874
Intangible Assets & Goodwill	34,185	32,415	33,791	34,227	34,227	34,227
Other Non-Current Assets	16,853	26,103	58,850	72,463	84,606	101,079
Total Assets	228,802	276,213	327,882	421,346	518,047	634,799
Current Liabilities						
Accrued Expenses & Other Current Liabilities	44,395	46,899	59,335	72,463	84,606	101,079
Unearned & Deferred Revenues	7,762	7,311	-	-	-	-
Short term Borrowings	5,158	2,307	328	6,810	6,810	6,810
Total Current Liabilities	57,315	56,516	59,663	79,273	91,416	107,889
Long Term Debt	1,762	111	56	56	56	56
Minority Interests	3,133	4,768	3,147	4,113	4,996	5,861
Other Non-current Liabilities	10,048	5,413	10,973	14,202	16,582	19,811
Total Liabilities	14,943	10,293	14,176	18,371	21,634	25,728
Total Shareholder's Equity	156,545	209,404	254,044	323,701	404,996	501,182
Total Liabilities and Shareholder's Equity	228,802	276,213	327,883	421,345	518,046	634,799
Source: BofA Merrill Lynch Global Research						

Table 12: TCS Cash flow statement

Rs Mil	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12E	FY13E	FY14E
Cash From Operations						
Recurring net profit	51,719	68,728	87,164	105,862	123,548	146,179
Add: Depreciation	5,790	7,248	7,214	9,340	12,105	15,419
Add: Deferred taxes	(2,982)	(4,996)	-	-	-	-
(Increase)/Decrease in working capital	1,802	4,431	(15,459)	(12,894)	(11,734)	(15,918)
(Increase)/Decrease in non-current assets	(1,684)	132	(15,331)	(13,613)	(12,143)	(16,473)
Increase/(Decrease) in non-current liabilities	487	(1,960)	5,560	3,229	2,380	3,229
Net cash from operations	55,986	74,918	69,148	91,924	114,155	132,436
Cash From Investments						
Сарех	(11,456)	(10,225)	(17,015)	(20,740)	(27,000)	(32,000)
(Increase)/Decrease in affiliate investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
(Increase)/Decrease in intangible assets/goodwill	-	-	-	(436)	-	-
Sale of investments and bank deposits	(1,111)	(45,320)	(2,878)	-	-	-
Acquisitions	(23,667)	279	(210)	-	-	-
Others	-	-	1,440	(2,000)	-	-
Net cash from investments	(36,234)	(55,266)	(18,663)	(23,176)	(27,000)	(32,000)
Free Cash Flow	44,530	64,694	52,133	70,748	87,155	100,436
Cash From Financing						
Capital Inflows	-	-	-	(0)	-	0
Increase/(Decrease) In Minority Interest	39	54	-	966	883	865
Dividends paid	(16,121)	(19,594)	(45,832)	(31,759)	(37,064)	(43,854)
Tax on dividends	-	-	-	(4,446)	(5,189)	(6,140)
Net Cash From Financing	(16,696)	(23,500)	(46,142)	(35,239)	(41,371)	(49,128)
Effect of foreign exchange on cash flows	895	(529)	487	-	-	-
Opening cash and treasury	10,673	14,625	10,249	73,264	108,773	154,558
Change in cash and cash equivalents	3,057	(3,847)	4,342	33,509	45,785	51,308
Closing cash and treasury	14,625	10,249	15,078	106,773	154,558	205,866
Source: BofA Merrill Lynch Global Research						



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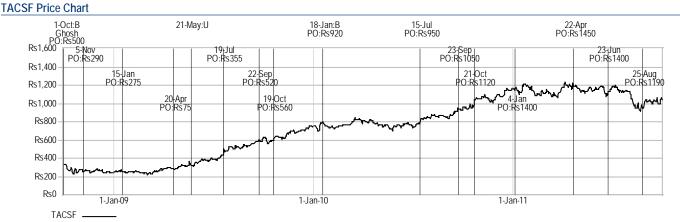
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	Amortization	Amortization
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